Indian Red Cross Society in Travancore, it is proposed to form Junior Red Cross groups in the schools of the State beginning with the English High Schools at Trivandrum.

20. *Agriculture and Fisheries.*—In view of the importance and usefulness of good species of cattle in the development of agriculture in the State, it is proposed to inaugurate an experimental scheme for the improvement of livestock by purchasing a few Scindhi bulls to be made available for breeding purposes. If the opportunity so offered is made good use of, it is proposed to extend the scope of the scheme in due course. Meanwhile, provision has been made in the next year's budget for a small beginning. The continuance of the temporary agricultural schools at Koni and Kottarakarai has also been included in the budget. To make these institutions really serviceable to the ryots, admission to the schools is proposed to be restricted to young men who are likely to take to agriculture as their occupation in life.

21. *Industries.*—The allotment for the next year is Rs 3·37 lakhs which is Rs ·95 of a lakh in excess of the current year's anticipated expenditure. The increase is due mainly to the additional provision made for the working expenses of the Rubber Factory. Provision has also been made for the continuance of the Sales depots at Trivandrum and Bombay.

22. *Co-operative Department.*—Besides a provision of Rs 10,000 for the amelioration of the depressed classes and Rs 5,000 for the education of depressed class pupils, the Co-operative budget provides also for placing the services of a Departmental Inspector, free of cost, at the disposal of the Travancore Co-operative Insurance Society Limited, to help the Society with advice in technical and other matters.

23. *Medical*—To meet the large demand for trained midwives, especially in connection with the promulgation of the scheme for child and maternity welfare, it is proposed to revive the old midwifery class that used to be held at the Victoria Hospital, Quilon. The training of 8 pupils has been provided for in the next year's budget. As the accommodation now available for in-patients in the Ayurveda Hospital at Trivandrum has been found to be insufficient to meet the actual requirements, provision has been made for a suitable increase in the number of beds. Proposals for the reorganisation of the Public Health Department were urged by the Director with a view to facilitate efficient registration of vital statistics, which plays an important role in the Public Health activities, and to obviate the frequent need for special temporary staffs for combating epidemics. But in view of the heavy cost involved in such a complete

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reorganisation of the department simultaneously throughout the State, it is proposed to work out the scheme in smaller instalments by beginning with the localities most subject to epidemics. A lump sum provision of Rs 10,000 has been made for the purpose. Provision has also been made for the improvement of rural sanitation by opening new conservancy stations.

24. *Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments.*—Provision has been made in the budget of the Archaeological Department for the preliminary expenses in connection with the 9th session of the All India Oriental Conference which has been invited to hold its session at Trivandrum in December 1937.

25. *Public Works.*—The allotment for ordinary Public Works expenditure in the next year including establishment charges and tools and plant is Rs 32·09 lakhs as against the current year's budget grant of Rs 33·36 lakhs, excluding the provision for Town Planning Schemes and the Council Chamber. When the estimated expenditure on Capital Works, both productive and non-productive and the expenditure met out of the Irrigation and Road Development funds are taken into account, the grant for the next year for works of public utility would amount to about Rs 114 lakhs on the whole which is the highest on record. Full details of the works in progress and new works are given in the Appendix to the budget estimates.

26. *Devaswom Fund.*—Provision has been made for the minimum contribution of Rs 16 lakhs payable to the Devaswom Fund in accordance with the announcement made in the House last year.

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

27. An aggregate sum of Rs 96·38 lakhs which represents a peak provision made hitherto in a single year, has been provided in the budget estimates of the next year for expenditure on capital schemes under the following heads :—

| | Rs. |
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| Non-productive works | 43·24 lakhs |
| Productive schemes shown under Debt heads. | 34·78 „ |
| Loans to the Cochin Harbour authorities towards the 4th stage of works and the cost of Dredger, shown under Advances. | 18·36 „ |
| | 96·38 „ |

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